

UTILITY PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of: Laursen et al.                      Group Art Unit: 1742  
Serial No.:                      10/627,165                      Examiner: Smith, Nicholas A.  
Filed:                      07/24/03                      Attorney Docket No.: 004.0033  
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For:    METHOD FOR PLANARIZING A WORK PIECE

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2006, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.